

HOUSE RESOLUTION 243

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. Jireh Holder of Central High School upon being named as a First Tennessee Academic All-Star by *The Commercial Appeal*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jireh Holder is one such exceptional student who was recently named a First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject of English and Literature; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Jireh Holder has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated student who has immersed himself in honors and advanced placement courses, Jireh Holder is a senior at Central High School, where he is a top student and holds a 4.0 weighted grade point average; and

WHEREAS, excelling in Advanced Placement English Language and Composition class, Jireh can be counted on to lead class discussions and has proven himself to be a critical listener who handily makes insightful connections between contemporary issues and literature; and

WHEREAS, his essay writing is peerless in clarity and facility in the use of language and was recognized with his deserving receipt of the 2007 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Achievement Award in Writing and the Memphis City Schools William H. Sweet Award for Academic Excellence; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Holder is also an accomplished poet who placed second in the poetry division of the 2006 Afro-Academics, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) Competition; and

WHEREAS, despite maintaining a demanding schedule, Jireh Holder has distinguished himself through service in leadership roles in the community, rendering sterling service as President of the Memphis chapter of Youth About Business and as a member of his church's Youth Leadership Board, in addition to his membership in Bridge Builders; and

WHEREAS, a young man of remarkable musical ability, Mr. Holder displays his melodious talents as a member of the award-winning Central High School Concert Choir; and

WHEREAS, Jireh is also a tremendous athlete who has demonstrated athletic prowess as Captain of his school's swim team; and

WHEREAS, Jireh Holder's display of intellectual aptitude, literary talent, and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Jireh's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holder's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Mr. Jireh Holder of Central High School upon his selection as *The Commercial Appeal's* First Tennessee Academic All-Star for English and Literature, recognize his outstanding record of academic prowess, writing talent, leadership, community spirit, and volunteerism, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.